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H. R. 1239

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the Attorney General to waive the requirement that an applicant for naturalization take an oath of renunciation and allegiance in cases where the applicant is unable to understand its meaning because of a disability or mental impairment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 1997

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PERMITTING WAIVER OF OATH REQUIREMENT**
2 **FOR CERTAIN DISABLED NATURALIZATION**
3 **APPLICANTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 337(a) of the Immigra-
5 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1448(a)) is amended
6 by adding at the end the following:
7 “The Attorney General may waive the taking of the oath
8 by a person if in the opinion of the Attorney General the
9 person is unable to understand its meaning because of a
10 physical or developmental disability or mental impair-
11 ment.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
14 ment of this Act and shall apply to applications for natu-
15 ralization filed on or after such date and to such applica-
16 tions pending on such date.

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